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SUBJECT: FOURTH ASEAN MEETING ON NEUTRALIZATION

1. SUMMARY: MALAYSIAN MFA SEC GEN ZAITON WILL HEAD GOM DELEGATION TO FOURTH ASEAN MEETING IN SINGAPORE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS WHO PREPARING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CREATION OF ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. MFA SPOKESMAN REPORTED RESULTS OF THIS AND PREVIOUS MEETING WILL BE CONVEYED TO ASEAN FONMINS IN JAKARTA THIS MAY. FACT ZAITON HEADING DELEGATION RATHER THAN UNDERSECRETARY TALALLA, WHO HAS DONE SO IN PAST, MAY BE BECAUSE GOM THINKS FILIPINOS MAY RAISE ISSUE OF MALAYSIAN SUPPORT FOR SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE MOSLEM REBELS AT SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING. END SUMMARY

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2. MFA ANNOUNCED MARCH 11 ASEAN SENIOR OFFICIALS WILL MEET IN SINGAPORE MARCH 14 FOR FOURTH MEETING TO COMPLETE BLUEPRINT FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY. DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY MFA SECGEN TAN SRI ZAITON AND INCLUDE MFA UNDER-SECRETARY ALBERT TALALLA WHO HEADS UP BOTH POLITICAL DIVISION OF MFA AND SO-CALLED "NEUTRALIZATION UNIT"; MALAYSIAN AMB TO SINGAPORE ABDULLAH ALI; BAKRI AYUB GHAZZALI, MFA PRINCIPAL ASST SECRETARY FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA (ASEAN COUNTRIES); AND TWO OTHERS.

3. MFA SPOKESMAN SAID MEETING WOULD CONTINUE EXAMINE QUESTION OF "RECOGNITION" AND "RESPECT" FOR ZONE AND OTHER MEASURES TO PROMOTE REALIZATION OF ZONE. THE COMMITTEE SHOULD SOON BE COMPLETING ITS WORK, HE SAID, AND RESULTS THIS MEETING AND THIRD MEETING (HELD IN BAGUIO LAST JUNE) WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS IN JAKARTA THIS COMING MAY. BERNAMA (GOVT NEWS AGENCY) REPORT OF STATEMENT NOTES THAT SENIOR OFFICIALS COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED BY ASEAN FONMINS IN KL IN NOVEMBER 1971. AT ITS FIRST MEETING A COMMON UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED ON TERM "ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM, AND NEUTRALITY." AT SECOND MEETING, GUIDELINES FOR INTER-STATE RELATIONS WITHIN ZONE AND BETWEEN SEA COUNTRIES AND GOVERNMENTS OUTSIDE WERE DRAFTED. AT BAGUIO, A RECOMMENDATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT MACHINERY FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES WITHIN ZONE WAS FORMULATED AND QUESTION OF "RESPECT" FOR ZONE EXAMINED (LATTER IS FORMULATION TO CIRCUMVENT PROBLEM OF GREAT POWER GUARANTEES).

4. MEMBERS OF MALAYSIAN DELEGATION FROM KL REPORTEDLY WILL LEAVE WEDNESDAY EVENING EXCEPT FOR SECGEN ZAITON WHO LEAVING WEDNESDAY MORNING.

5. COMMENT: TALALIA SEVERAL WEEKS AGO EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THIS WOULD BE FINAL MEETING OF "SENIOR EXPERTS", BUT ADMITTED REPORT TO ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MIGHT BE LAID ASIDE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AT JAKARTA MEETING SINCE "SOME COUNTRIES STILL HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH CONCEPT." PRESS AND DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HERE ALSO EXPRESS SCEPTICISM THAT AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON ALL POINTS AT SINGAPORE. PRESENCE OF SECGEN ZAITON SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL, SINCE HE HAS NOT CUSTOMARILY ATTENDED PAST MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE ON NEUTRALIZATION. IT MIGHT BE THEY ANTICIPATE

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FILIPINOS MIGHT RAISE ISSUE OF ALLEGED MALAYSIAN TRAINING AND SUPPORT OF PHILIPPINE MUSLIM INSURGENTS AND/OR WITH UNCONFIRMED REPORT RECEIVED TODAY FROM RELIABLE PRESS SOURCE THAT TUN RAZAK IS PLANNING A VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES WITHIN NEXT TWO TO THREE MONTHS.
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